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SUBJECT: UKRAINIAN CHAPTER OF UNOFFICIAL SOVIET CSCE
OBSERVATION GROUP RAIDED

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2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FIVE OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE
UKRAINIAN CHAPTER OF THE CSCE OBSERVATION GROUP HAD THEIR KIEV
APARTMENTS SEARCHED ON DEC 24. (THE OTHER MEMBER, GENERAL
GRIGORENKO, LIVES IN MOSCOW). ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE OF THIS
INFORMATION, THE SEARCHES TOOK PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND A GREAT
DEAL OF MATERIAL RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE GROUP WAS
CONFISCATED. ALTHOUGH NO ARRESTS WERE MADE, OUR SOURCE ASSUMES
THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SEARCHES WAS TO PROVIDE THE JUDICIAL
AUTHORITIES WITH MATERIAL ON WHICH TO BASE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL
CHARGES.

2. AS OF DEC 26 NIETHER THE MAIN, MOSCOW CHAPTER OF THE CSCE
GROUP, NOR THE OTHER PROVINCIAL CHAPTER, IN LITHUANIA, HAD YET
BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SIMILAR ATTENTION, BUT OUR SOURCE SAID THAT
HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD FOLLOW. SUCH RAIDS WERE LIKELY,
PARTICULARLY IF THERE WERE NO REACTION IN THE WESTERN NEWS
MEDIA TO THE FACT OF THE KIEV SEARCHES. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT THE
MOSCOW CSCE GROUP WOULD TRY TO GET SOME OF THE RESIDENT
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WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS TO WRITE STORIES ON THE RAID.

3. COMMENT. WE, TOO, WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR OF
SIMILAR SEARCHES OF THE APARTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE OTHER TWO
CHAPTERS OF THE CSCE GROUP. THE TIMING OF THE KIEV RAID MAY WELL
BE FORTUITOUS; ON THE OTHER HAND, IT COULD BE RELATED TO THE

SE ZLPTN SEARCHES, INTERROGATIONS AND HOUSE ARRESTS CONNECTED
WITH THE ABORTIVE JEWISH CULTURAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR IN MOSCOW.
THE AUTHORITIES COULD WELL ASSUME THAT THE KIEV RAIDS MIGHT PASS
UNNOTICED, GIVEN THE ATTENTION PAID TO THE MOSCOW EVENTS.
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